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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on January 16, 2002, Applicant hereby calls the following document, which was cited in a United Kingdom Search Report dated February 26, 2002 for Application No. GB 0124986.1, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,083,859 to JALIE, which issued on January 28, 1992, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step) with respect to at least claims 1, 4 and 5 of the British application. The British Examiner indicated Figures 1-3, column 3, lines 15-28 and column 4, lines 39-48 to be relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document, as well as a copy of the U.K. Search

P21222.A02 Report, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98. Further, the patent is listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document. Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0089 any amount necessary to ensure consideration to the submitted materials. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. Respectfully submitted, Yoshimi OBARA Reg. No. 48,214 Bruce H. Bernstein Reg. No. 29,027 March 14, 2002 GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. 1941 Roland Clarke Place Reston, Virginia 20191 (703) 716-1191 - 2 -

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